

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 30, 2003, please amend the paragraph under the section entitled "Cross Reference to Related Applications" as follows:

This is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/902,226, filed July 11, 2001, now ~~allowed~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,607,757, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/492,921, filed January 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,280,777, which is a continuation-in-part of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP98/04770, filed July 30, 1998, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.